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Dear Governor McDonnell and Administrator Jackson:

Virginia's streams, rivers and the Chesapeake Bay are among Virginia's greatest natural and economic resources. Because we have spent decades delaying the actions necessary to protect and restore them they are also among Virginia's most endangered resources.

Thank you Governor for the time and energy you and your staff have dedicated to the development of a clean up plan for Virginia's waters. Unfortunately, the plan as it stands now still lacks the specifics required to have any meaningful impact on our water quality. If we squander yet another opportunity to take significant action to clean up Virginia's waterways, our water quality and the associated economic benefits will continue to fade away.

As currently drafted, the plan contains no commitment to fund best management practices on Virginia's farmland. We must provide our farmers the support they need to protect water quality and we must verify those plans are being followed.

Virginia's clean up plan fails to use the accepted EPA allocation for pollutants or appropriately reduce wastewater treatment plant discharges on the James River.

Finally, the plan fails to ensure the proposed pollution trading programs are accompanied by specific requirements and program details that don't just move pollution around, but actually remove it from our water. If Virginia's leadership at the executive and legislative levels do not take action to develop and fully implement a meaningful clean up plan, EPA should not hesitate in its duty to provide the oversight necessary to ensure Virginia has a strong viable plan.

Sincerely,

Bob Shippee

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